

2015 Internships

Criminal Division Fraud Section



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Opportunities are available in the Criminal Division's Fraud Section ("the Section") for qualified candidates interested in summer legal internships or academic semester legal internships (sometimes called "externships"). Legal interns will work directly with attorneys on cutting edge legal issues relating to a wide range of economic crime enforcement priorities. Typical intern projects have involved researching novel legal issues, drafting litigation documents for active cases, analyzing policy proposals, and helping to draft Section publications. The Section's work is national in scope and often involves some of the most significant and challenging corporate investigations within the Division. We are looking for proactive and engaged interns.

The Fraud Section is responsible for conducting grand jury investigations and prosecutions in cases that require centralized treatment because of the complexity of the scheme, the multi-jurisdictional nature of the criminal activity, the sensitivity of the issues, or the necessity for developing model prosecutions to establish the viability of a particular statute, theory, or technique. Fraud Section investigations often involve business crimes such as financial institution fraud; Internet fraud; fraud in the insurance industry; international criminal activities in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; and multi-district schemes that victimize consumers, such as telemarketing and other mass marketing frauds. The Section's prosecutions also focus on fraud involving government programs, including health care fraud, procurement fraud, mortgage fraud, as well as investment and securities fraud.

Summer legal internships are full time and usually last between ten to twelve weeks. The Section requires a minimum commitment of eight weeks. Semester-based legal internships are usually part-time. The Section requires a minimum of 15 hours per week. The legal intern positions are unpaid. Because of the sensitive nature of the work, applicants must pass a background check before a formal offer for an internship can be extended. Please note the importance of the identified application deadlines.

Application process for legal interns:

Applicants for internship positions must be enrolled in law school and have: (1) a strong academic background; (2) excellent research and writing skills; and (3) experience or interest in criminal issues. We encourage applicants to identify their interests and how they relate to the work of the Section. Applicants should understand that while the Section will attempt to match their interest to placement in the Section, assignments will be based on the Sections needs. Applicants must submit via e-mail, a cover letter, a resume, a short or partial writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), a list of three references and an unofficial law school transcript to: FRA.Intern.Hiring@usdoj.gov - Attn: Edward Crews, Intern Hiring Coordinator.

Spring semester internships: The Fraud Section anticipates hiring several legal interns for Spring semester 2015. Applications for Spring 2015 internships will be accepted until September 30, 2014. Interviews will be on a rolling basis and will generally be conducted by telephone.

Summer legal internships: The Fraud Section anticipates hiring several legal interns for Summer 2015. Applications for Summer 2015 internships will be accepted until February 28, 2015. Interviews will be on a rolling basis and will generally be conducted by telephone.

Fall semester internships: The Fraud Section anticipates hiring several legal interns for Fall semester 2015. Applications for Fall 2015 internships will be accepted until May 31, 2015. Interviews will be on a rolling basis and will generally be conducted by telephone.

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